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1. On 12 July 1950 YEH Chien-ying and Pa-chi-chia-k'o (巴基奴科), a Soviet adviser, returned to Canton from Peiping.\* One of YEH's attendants reported that YEH had called on MAO Tse-tung and had attended a military conference on 5 July with MAO, CHU Te, CHOU En-lai, LIN Piao, LIU Po-cheng, SU Yu (political commissar of the 3 Field Army), HSU Hsiang-ch'ien (representative of the People's Revolutionary Council), and PENG Te-huai. The attendant stated that most of the 4 Field Army is concentrated in Hankow but that four armies had already moved north.
2. Between 12 and 16 July 100,000 men of the 40, 43, 45 and 46 armies arrived in Canton from Hainan and entrained for the north. About 70 percent of their equipment was Japanese. About 1,000 rolls of barbed wire and 1,000 drum cases of ammunition are in the Canton South Station awaiting shipment north. Troop movements to the north include the following:
  - a. On 11 July, 5,000 troops of the 132 Division, 44 Army, moved from Chungshan to Canton on their way north.
  - b. On 12 July, 5,000 troops of the 123 Division, 41 Army, and some field artillery arrived in Canton from Huiyang and are awaiting orders to proceed north.
  - c. On 13 July, 6,000 troops of the 127 Division, 43 Army, arrived in Canton from Hsichui (113-06, 22-34) and left for Hengyang.

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3. Between 26 and 30 June the former Nationalist arsenal at Liuchou was dismantled by 350 experienced workers. The machinery was packed in 700 crates, loaded on 11 freight cars, then shipped to Kweilin en route north. On 13 July a Chinese Communist Army shoe factory and cooperative tailor establishments of the Central-South China Command in Canton suspended operations; the equipment is being sent north via Hankow.

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4. In mid-July work on a large airfield at Yihing in Changchou, South Fukien, was underway. Taiyoshi Harada, a former Japanese major, is chief engineer, and more Japanese engineers are being sent to the construction site. The airfield, complete with underground hangars, is scheduled to be finished by February 1950. Five thousand workers are employed on this project.

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